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To provide for the release of water from the marketable yield pool of water stored in the Ruedi Reservoir for the benefit of endangered fish habitat in the Colorado River, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6, 2009

Mr. UDALL of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY IMPLEMENTA-**
4 **TION PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of Public Law 106–392
6 (114 Stat. 1602) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

1 “(11) MARKETABLE YIELD POOL.—The term
2 ‘marketable yield pool’ means the portion of the reg-
3 ulatory capacity that, as of the date of enactment of
4 this paragraph, is dedicated to marketing purposes.

5 “(12) REGULATORY CAPACITY.—The term ‘reg-
6 ulatory capacity’ has the meaning given the term in
7 the publication entitled ‘Operating Principles,
8 Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Adopted by the State
9 of Colorado, April 30, 1959 (as amended December
10 30, 1959, and December 9, 1960)’, as printed as
11 House Document No. 130 in accordance with House
12 Resolution 91, 87th Congress, agreed to March 15,
13 1961.

14 “(13) RUEDI RESERVOIR.—The term ‘Ruedi
15 Reservoir’ means the component of the Fryingpan-
16 Arkansas Project of the Bureau of Land Manage-
17 ment that is located—

18 “(A) on the Fryingpan River; and

19 “(B) in western Colorado.”.

20 (b) AUTHORIZATION TO FUND RECOVERY PRO-
21 GRAMS.—Section 3 of Public Law 106–392 (114 Stat.
22 1603) is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (h)
24 as subsections (f) through (i), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(e) ALLOCATION OF RUEDI RESERVOIR MARKET-
4 ABLE YIELD POOL.—

5 “(1) RELEASE OF WATER.—For fiscal year
6 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, at the request
7 of the Director of the United States Fish and Wild-
8 life Service (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Di-
9 rector’), 5,412.5 acre-feet of water shall be released
10 from the marketable yield pool of water stored in the
11 Ruedi Reservoir for the benefit of endangered fish
12 habitat in the Colorado River.

13 “(2) TIMING OF RELEASE.—To the maximum
14 extent practicable, and unless otherwise requested by
15 the Director, the release of water under paragraph
16 (1) shall occur during the late summer months to
17 enhance low water flows in areas that comprise the
18 endangered fish habitat in the Colorado River.

19 “(3) NO REQUIREMENT FOR CONTRACT OR
20 OTHER AGREEMENT.—The release of water under
21 paragraph (1) may be carried out without the for-
22 mation or execution of any contract or other agree-
23 ment.

24 “(4) REIMBURSEMENT.—The capital, oper-
25 ational, maintenance, and replacement costs that

1 arise from the release of water under paragraph (1)
2 shall not be reimbursable.

3 “(5) EFFECT.—The release of water under
4 paragraph (1) shall satisfy 50 percent of the obliga-
5 tion of certain water users to provide 10,825 acre-
6 feet of water, as described in the document—

7 “(A) entitled ‘Final Programmatic Biologi-
8 cal Opinion for Bureau of Reclamation’s Oper-
9 ations and Depletions, Other Depletions, and
10 Funding and Implementation of Recovery Pro-
11 gram Actions in the Upper Colorado River
12 above the Confluence with the Gunnison River’;
13 and

14 “(B) published by the Director on Decem-
15 ber 20, 1999.

16 “(6) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
17 take effect on the date on which the Secretary com-
18 plies with the National Environmental Policy Act of
19 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) regarding the release
20 of water under paragraph (1).”.

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